

# THOUSANDS ACCLAIM HUGHES PRESIDENT

## REPUBLICAN TICKET WILL SWEEP THE STATE

### MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND ARE IN COUNTY'S GREATEST PARADE MAJORITIES WILL RUN UP AS HIGH AS 25,000 VOTES

Glorious American Demonstration on the Part of Central West Virginians for Hughes, Robinson and the Entire Republican Ticket Marks a New High Record Here in Love of Country and All That the American Stands For.

NEVER BEFORE IN ALL HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY HAS THERE BEEN SUCH WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATION

Senator Goff and Other Speakers Fire the Flames of Party Enthusiasm with Speeches before Multitudes in Many Sections of the City and 40,000 People Loudly Acclaim Charles E. Hughes President.

While 30,000 enthusiastic persons looked on and helped in the vociferous acclaim, 10,000 voters marched through the principal streets of the city Saturday night cheering for Hughes and Robinson in what was the greatest Republican demonstration ever given in this section of the state. It was a memorable and significant political gathering, which will serve for years to come as a reference mark in the matter of huge public meetings. The spirit of the vast throng was so hearty and exuberant as to bring tears of joy to the eyes of old line Republicans and to move men, women and children alike to a high pitch of excitement. There was nothing lacking to make it an affair at once grand, glorious and extraordinary.

So dense were the throngs which gathered to take part in this big public affair that speakers had to be sent out to street corners and other points in the city in efforts to reach the public ear. United States Senator Nathan Goff and Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, Republican nominee for Third district congressman, spoke inside the court house to a crowd that jammed the old building to suffocation. Charles J. Schuck, Wheeling lawyer, addressed from the steps of the court house a mass of people the like of which was never before seen in the public square. Former Governor Albert B. White, of Parkersburg, addressed a vast crowd in Telegram Square. Michael H. King, of Elkins, spoke to an equally large assemblage from the steps of the postoffice. C. R. Mitchell spoke to colored voters in the colored Pythian hall in Glen Elk. At other places where these speakers could not be reached, enthusiastic Republican advocates gave impromptu speeches.

The big parade was so huge and so full of dash and fire as to put the comparatively puny and insignificant procession staged a week ago by the Democrats into a permanent eclipse. In fact, local Democrats are sick over the magnificent demonstration by the Republicans. They are sick at heart, too, over the surprises which came to them as they looked upon last night's prodigious pageant. They saw in the fine of march, thousands of workmen, men from the glass plants, the tin mill, the zinc works, the potteries, the chemical plants, the machine shops and from the coal mines and the railroads in numbers too great for dispute that the Democrats had guessed badly in their estimates of the vote drawing power of the infamous Adamson bill and other makeshift legislation of the Wilson administration. There were more than 200 automobiles in the big parade, some fifty industrial floats, seven brass bands and several drum corps.

#### Banners and Floats.

Banners, transparencies and other signs were of course conspicuous in the parade and caused amusement where they happened to be some where on the Democrats and lusty cheering where they proclaimed some outstanding truism of the present political situation. "America First" was in the lead. Ahead of Company A of the First regiment, West Virginia National Guard, was carried a streamer with the appropriate legend. "We have had enough of watchful waiting." Market prices were quoted on banners to show the fallacy of Democratic tariff theories, among them being "Potatoes, \$2.50 a bushel"; "Flour \$12 a barrel"; "Wheat, 12 cents a loaf" and so on.

The Wilsonian Mexican policy came in for its share of contumely. "Any one seen Villa?" asked one banner. "Woodrow vs. Villa" was another. "Wilson said to Mexico, 'Salute the Flag'; Mexico said to Wilson, 'Go to hell'." read another which brought forth much applause. "The Spirit of 1776" was another. Another declared "We are Americans, not bandits." Democratic foreign policies were lampooned on numerous banners. "America for Americans" read one. "We want no more dlah rag diplomacy" read another. "50 Americans killed by a submarine—Wilson will write a post script" was the text of another. "America first," another proclaimed. "Americans in other lands as well as in our own" brought forth applause.

Local Applications. Local Democrats also got theirs. "No more beans for us," one banner announced. "Lloyd Griffith will not hang prisoners up by the toes," stated another. "Lloyd Griffith will not

assault a witness who does not testify to suit him" was another hot shot. "Who drinks the liquor stored in the county jail?" another transparency wanted to know. "Race Horse Ross is left at the pole," said another sign.

Naturally there were banners galore advocating the election of Republican candidates. "From Hughes clear down to Bob Noon" as one of them stated. The Democratic special to Salt river was duly announced for the morning of November 8. "Hack saw

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## REPUBLICAN FAITH EXTOLLED BY GOFF

United States Senator Shows Fire of Old in Hour and Half Address.

The Goff who spoke in the court house was the Goff of old. The old punch was there, despite his aging years, and time and again he brought the crowd to its feet with tumultuous applause. He was greeted by a crowd that packed the circuit court room to the doors Saturday night at the great Republican demonstration, closing the campaign.

When Senator Goff, accompanied by Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, Republican candidate for Congress, and National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, made his appearance, the crowd cheered wildly.

Mr. Highland introduced the senator, who opened his speech by saying that he had not taken as active a part in this campaign as he desired, because of his health. "My doctor said that I should not speak, and my friends said that I should not, but I told them that I was going to be in Clarksburg tonight, and I am here. If I continue to improve in the next few months as I have in the past few

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it will fill my soul with joy to be able to make at least one more campaign speech for the Republican party."

Describing how President Wilson is only temporary and is caused entirely by the European war, the senator recalled the conditions that existed in 1914, when the Underwood bill had been in force for ten months. "I remember coming down the Ohio valley two years ago," he said, "and I found the upper Ohio valley in darkness. No flames were leaping heavenward; no flash of fire was seen in the furnace door. Dozens of manufacturing industries in the upper Ohio valley were closed."

Hughes' Name Cheered. Describing how President Wilson had forced the passage of the Underwood bill, Senator Goff declared amid applause: "Thank God, I had the pleasure of voting against that bill. I hope to have the strength to vote to repeal it when the time comes. That law aided every nation on earth but one—the United States of America."

Soon after the passage of the measure, the speaker said, 1,500,000

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## THE NATION'S HOPE



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Governor Hughes Ends His with a Big Meeting in Madison Square Garden.

WILSON AT SHADY LAWN

Hughes' Campaign Is Said to Be Most Notable in the Nation's History.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—With a final appeal to voters, the candidates for the presidency closed their campaigns tonight. Similarly in virtually every city and hamlet of the country advocates of the different parties presented their closing arguments in behalf of their candidates, both national and state.

President Wilson made his last address late today, at Shadow Lawn, at a celebration of "Old Home day" that was fittingly participated in by a gathering of his neighbors from New Jersey, the president's home state. From now on the president plans to spend his time quietly at his summer home, where he will receive the returns next Tuesday night.

Hughes in New York. Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee, also spent the day with neighbors and friends in his home city, New York. He made a whirlwind tour

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## NEW YORK IS WILD WITH ENTHUSIASM

Over Governor Hughes with Many Thousands of Men in Glorious Parade.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Charles E. Hughes closed his campaign for the presidency in this city tonight, with a big meeting at Madison Square Garden. The speech was his fifth of the day and followed four in the open air in four different parts of the city during the afternoon.

Before the night meeting Mr. Hughes rode at the head of a great torch light procession called a "wheel of fame" the nine spokes of which converged upon Fifth avenue. Many thousands of men, each carrying a flaming torch, were in line as the processions came together one after another. So long was the parade that it was split into two sections, one of which marched up Fifth avenue and the other Madison avenue to the garden.

The broad avenue were filled with long ribbons of light coherent moved onward unimpeded at frequent intervals were bands which played martial and patriotic airs. The car in

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## VICTORY NOW CLAIMED BY BOTH PARTIES

Vance McCormick Gives Out an Even Wilder Statement Than That on Maine.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—In informal statements issued here tonight, the chairman of the Republican and Democratic national committees made positive claims of victory in the election next Tuesday.

Vance C. McCormick, the Democratic chairman, in what he characterized as his first and only forecast of the campaign, predicted that President Wilson would have at least 364 of the total of 531 electoral votes, with a possibility that the number would be swelled to 461.

William R. Willcox, the Republican chairman, reported to Mr. Hughes that his minimum majority in the electoral college would be 100 votes and that doubtless the majority would be much greater.

Mr. McCormick prophesied that thirty states surely would be Democratic. He claimed nine more, with after-two votes as probably Democratic, and classed three with forty-five as doubtful. Mr. Willcox gave no details in regard to the outcome in the different states.

"Woodrow Wilson will be re-elected president next Tuesday by a popular plurality and a majority in the electoral college," Mr. McCormick said in his statement. "The votes of Democrats, Progressives, Independents and Republicans in countless thousands will contribute to the approval of the president and his policies. These same elements will combine to elect a sympathetic Senate and House of Representatives to co-operate with the president in the extension and perturbation of his policies, foreign and domestic."

The thirty states claimed by Mr. McCormick as "properly in the Democratic column," with their electoral votes were: Alabama, 12; Arizona, 3; Arkansas, 9; Colorado, 6; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Florida, 6; Georgia, 14; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 18; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 3; New Jersey, 14; New York, 45; North Carolina, 12; Ohio, 24; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Virginia, 12; Washington, 7; West Virginia, 8; Wisconsin, 13.—Total, 364.

The nine states classed as "probably Democratic" by McCormick, were: California, 13; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; New Mexico, 3; Oregon, 5; South Dakota, 5; North Dakota, 5; Utah, 4; Wyoming, 3.—Total, 52.

The three doubtful states were said by Mr. McCormick to be Michigan 16;

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Average Majority of the State Ticket Will Be at Least 20,000, Say Observers.

GREAT CAMPAIGN IS WAGED

Republican State Headquarters Says "It's All Set and Ready to Be Put Over."

"It's all set and ready to be put over." That tells as much as a column story could of the feeling of absolute assurance of victory felt by each and every one of the department heads remaining at Republican state committee headquarters here until the last trumpet of this remarkable campaign is blown. They haven't a doubt of it. They are as sure and optimistic a crew of campaign managers as has ever locked the doors of a campaign headquarters in this state and skurried in all directions to their homes to vote.

They are not only agreed among themselves that the battle is won and only the voting remains to be done next Tuesday to clinch it, but they are also agreed on the general averages of the majorities which the Republican ticket will receive. The state will go for the ticket by 20,000 is the consensus of opinion among them, after each diligently figured on the outcome for himself.

Figures are Conservative. It can be said that this, in their opinion, is a conservative average. They would not be at all surprised, in fact, some of them privately expressed the belief, that the highest majority will be approximately 25,000. But for public consumption they prefer to under estimate rather than to seem to be extravagant in their final statements.

If there is any Republican who knows just what the tide is, especially in their party which largely outnumber the Democratic party in West Virginia, as it does in the nation, it is these expert campaign managers who have been leading the fight for seven weeks, working day and night, helped by a larger force of workers than the Democratic campaign. In that time they built up an organization which has been a model of efficiency, industry and political sagacity. It has been a perfect working machine for a month and, within that time, caught up the angled webs of a party not by any means free from factional troubles and straightened them out in such shipshape fashion that they are not only dead certain of a victory, but they are willing, those of sporting bent, to back their confident judgment to the extent of their individual bankrolls.

Gaines Is Satisfied. State Chairman Joseph Holt Gaines left for his home at Charleston today. Before his departure he issued his final estimate of election results. Mr. Gaines has had an opportunity to study the situation closely for he has been on the stump almost continually since the campaign opened, leaving the detailed work at headquarters to National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, who called on the Hon. James S. Lakin, the successful chairman of four years ago, to help him with the job. Then there was Secretary Charles G. Goffman, than whom no man put in longer hours. Chairman Gaines was in demand everywhere for speeches and he early took the stump where he did most effective work. But it was the team work of Highland and Lakin which carried the heaviest load at the headquarters. They are no novices at the game, and the close organization work of the year has never been equalled. It surprised that done by them four years ago, which established their record up till then.

Chairman Gaines' final statement reads: "We will carry West Virginia by majorities of over 20,000 for the entire ticket and elect every congressman in the state. We have fewer dissenters in the Republican party than we have had in any campaign since 1900 and our majority for the state ticket will be bigger than we have ever received herebefore. "There was an apathy which has disappeared. The laboring people of the state are with us; on the national ticket because of protection, and on the state ticket because they know that they can trust Judge Robinson and the Republican organization of the state of West Virginia and they cannot trust Corwain and especially the Democratic organization of West Virginia. The business people, who at times seemed apathetic, have now swung into line with unusual enthusiasm for the entire Republican ticket. I feel we will win all along the line by big majorities."

Highland Agrees with Gaines. The claim made by National Com-

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